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Brian Dunnigan – Director
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Dear Brian,

At our October 14, 2013 Board Meeting the Lower Platte North NRD officially invoked a temporary stay on drilling of new wells and a stay on any increase in irrigated acres within Lower Platte North NRD. The drought of 2012 followed by the dry summer of 2013 have shown us there are areas within our NRD which we should not allow further expansion of irrigation upon.

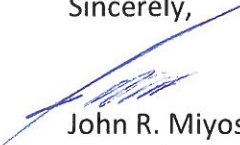
During the next six months we will likely amend our Groundwater Rules and Regulations to give us the ability to create special protection areas that will aid us in sustainable management our limited water resources. We will also conduct a Public Hearing to take testimony these potential rule changes and to have open discussion on continuation or lifting of the Temporary Stay. We will keep your department informed of these happenings and ask for your comments.

At this time we are asking DNR to place a Temporary Stay on issuance of any new surface water diversion permits within Lower Platte North NRD that result in consumptive use. We do not ask that this temporary stay include small diminimus uses such as farm ponds or other conservation practices.

Attached find a copy of our Board Resolution that created the temporary stay.

If you or your staff need further information please feel free to contact me or Larry Angle our Water Resources Manager.

Sincerely,


John R. Miyoshi
General Manager

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